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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 4-54440, published February 21, 1992.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-273110, published October 22, 1993.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 6-82358, published March 22, 1994.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-243549, published September 19, 1997.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 7-55692, published March 3, 1995.

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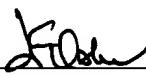
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